

House Resolution 724

By: Representatives Hudson of the 124th, Lane of the 158th, Burns of the 157th, and Barnard of the 166th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the original July Foxhound and recognizing the historical marker to be placed in
2 his memory on May 5, 2007, in Hancock County, Georgia; and for other purposes.
- 3 WHEREAS, in July of 1858, two Irish foxhounds arrived for the first time in Georgia as a
4 gift to Colonel Miles G. Harris of Hancock County from a noted Maryland hunter, Nimrod
5 Gosnell; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Colonel Harris invited hunters from miles around to join him on a fox hunt
7 during October of 1859, and the hunters who came from all over middle Georgia were
8 extremely skeptical that this unusual hound with short ears and woolly hair could match their
9 choice breeds; and
- 10 WHEREAS, none of the dogs that had gone before had been able to catch the quick red fox,
11 but on the first hunt the Colonel's new hounds had run down a red fox in less than an hour,
12 leaving all the other dogs scattered in their path; and
- 13 WHEREAS, the choicest runners could not match the superior performance of the Irish
14 foxhounds in the hunting field chasing red foxes; and
- 15 WHEREAS, regrettably, one of the Irish foxhounds died shortly after the first run, but the
16 remaining hound that the Colonel had named "July" survived; and
- 17 WHEREAS, July was made available as a stud in Hancock and Putnam counties, and his
18 descendants came to be recognized as July Hounds, one of the best lines of foxhounds
19 available in middle Georgia; and
- 20 WHEREAS, in his honor an official historical marker will be erected on Highway 16 in
21 Hancock County by the lovers of July Hounds so that all will know the story of the original
22 July Foxhound.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
2 the members of this body honor the original July Foxhound and salute and express their
3 enthusiastic support for the historical marker to be placed in Hancock County in his honor.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
5 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the governing authority of
6 Hancock County.